

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1                   1.       A method for stimulating remodeling of blemished skin in a mammal,  
2       comprising administering to the blemished skin of said mammal a composition that  
3       comprises a ionic metal-peptide complex in an amount effective to remodel the skin and  
4       diminish or remove the skin blemish.
- 1                   2.       The method according to claim 1, wherein the skin blemish is a scar.
- 1                   3.       The method according to claim 2, wherein the scar is selected from  
2       the group consisting of a surgical scar, a wound scar, an acne scar, a keloid scar, a burn scar,  
3       and a Sjogren's syndrome scar.
- 1                   4.       The method according to claim 1, wherein the skin blemish is selected  
2       from the group consisting of skin tags, calluses, benign skin moles, stretch marks, facial  
3       keratosis, thickened sunspots of the skin, and vitiligo spots.
- 1                   5.       The method of claim 1, wherein the ionic metal is selected from the  
2       group consisting of copper(II), tin(II), tin(IV), and zinc(II), and therapeutically acceptable  
3       salts and complexes thereof.
- 1                   6.       The method of claim 1, wherein the ionic metal is copper(II).
- 1                   7.       The method according to claim 1, wherein the peptide of the ionic  
2       metal-peptide complex is an enzymatic hydrolysis of casein, collagen, elastin, meat  
3       products, silk protein, or soybean protein.
- 1                   8.       The method according to claim 1, wherein the peptide of the ionic  
2       metal-peptide complex is an acid hydrolysis of casein, collagen, elastin, meat products, silk  
3       protein, or soybean protein.
- 1                   9.       The method according to claim 1, wherein the peptide of the ionic  
2       metal-peptide complex is a basic hydrolysis of casein, collagen, elastin, meat products, silk  
3       protein, or soybean protein.

